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1. EMBOFF PRESENTED POSITION OUTLINED IN REFTEL TO BJORN EKLUND, OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR IFAD MATTERS IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION DEPT. OF MFA. EKLUND STATED THAT GOF AGREES WITH TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTION OF IFAD SITE AND PRESIDENCY. HE MENTIONED ROME AS SITE WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO FINNS AND WOULD SATISFY CRITERIA IN REFTEL. EKLUND SPECULATED THAT IFAD PRESIDENCY WOULD GO TO SAUDI CANDIDATE.

2. FINLAND'S RATIFICATION OF IFAD ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WILL PROBABLY BE DELAYED UNTIL MID-1977. BEFORE RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENT, PARLIAMENT WILL LIKELY REQUIRE APPROPRIATION OF IFAD PARTICIPATION FUNDS IN SPRING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

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3. EKLUND EXPRESSED OPINION THAT MEETING OF OECD MEMBERS IN DAC FORUM FOR COORDINATION OF THEIR POSITIONS COULD MOST USEFULLY BE SCHEDULED IN MID-JANUARY.
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